

**HAMPTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Selectman's Meeting Room

Attendance

Eileen Latimer, Chairman

Brian Lapham, Vice Chairman

Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District Representative

James O'Loughlin

Michael Plouffe

Stephen LaBranche

Scott Blair

Nicholas Bridle

Sunny Kravitz

Michael Pierce

Absent (Excused)

Phil Bean, Selectman Representative

Jerry Znoj, School Board Representative SAU 90

Timothy "Citizen" Jones

Sandra Nickerson

Vacant Seat

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction of members
4. Presentation and Discussion of Hampton Beach Village District Budget

Chairman Latimer introduced Maureen Buckley and Chuck Rage, Precinct Commissioners Hampton Beach Village.

Mr. Rage said the income is basically an estimate on what we think the income is coming in for the season. Tax \$434,552.33 is an increase from last year's actual by about \$8,000. We have interest on money that is approximately \$12,050; our proposed amount on the parking lot revenue is \$260,000; our sand sculptures \$40,000; donations \$200; making our total estimated income of \$736,002.33.

Mr. Rage said the expenses are broken down into two different categories: General Government, which all of the residents in the district pays into; the second is Cultural and Recreation, that is all the different activities that we put on, and anybody that has a business that is any type of rental that is not a single family residence pays that tax. If you have a single family home you can go for an exemption. In General Government the payroll is \$49,089; accountants/auditors \$88,050; legal \$8,000; furniture/chairs \$300; playground maintenance \$10,000; sign maintenance \$4,000; insurance \$15,000; other \$7,000; recording meetings \$1,235; total \$59,374.

Mr. Rage said the Culture and Recreation section was advertising/internet/public relations is \$140,000; media director \$30,000; concerts \$107,500; parking lot payroll \$56,000; general supplies \$15,683; loan payment \$119,011.92; fireworks \$62,000; professional sand sculptures \$75,000; special events/activities facilitator; children's week sponsorship \$10,000; movie night/events/other functions; Christmas parade; Blue Ocean Society \$2,500; beautification committee \$6,000; chamber donation \$7,000; total \$676,628; grand total \$736,002.

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Bridle, \$736,002 for the two Hampton Beach Village District Warrant Articles

Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

Mr. Kravitz asked how he earned from interest income of \$1,213 and in prior years they earned a couple hundred.

Mr. Rage said they moved the money from a non interest bearing account into an interest bearing account.

Mr. Bridle asked what the anticipation is for the jump from around \$3,000 to \$15,000 for parking lot payroll for supplies.

Mr. Rage said it is because of putting the bathroom in.

Mr. Lapham asked about the 10.5% increase in the sand sculptures over the next 3 years; it seems like there is an increase every year.

Mr. Rage said the increase in sponsorship and the increase in costs have gone up; it brings a lot of people to the beach; right now everyone seems to want it.

Mr. Ladd said they were looking into getting a study of the economic impact for the beach and the general community and looking at UNH to get interns/students to do that study for us.

Mr. Rage said he spoke with a Professor of Economics at UNH who recommended someone and he would be meeting with the person interested in doing this the first week of March.

Chairman Latimer said the partnership between the Chamber of Commerce and the HBVD is very important and a bargain. We are being acknowledged nationally for the sand sculptures and it is a great opportunity.

4. Public Hearing HBVD Budget & Warrant Articles

Mr. LaBranche read Article 2: shall the district vote to accept the budget as set forth the budget posted with the warrant to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,374 to the Hampton Beach Village District General Government (exempt) budget purpose in addition to any amounts that may be approved to the special article.

Moved by Mr. Bridle, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the Hampton Beach Village District General Government sum of \$59,374

Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

Mr. LaBranche read Article 3: shall the district vote to accept the budget as set forth the budget posted with the warrant to raise and appropriate the sum of \$676,628 for the Hampton Beach Village District Culture and Recreation (non-exempt) budget purpose in addition to any amounts that may be approved to the special article.

Moved by Mr. Bridle, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to approve the Hampton Beach Village District Culture and Recreation sum of \$676,628

Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

Chairman Latimer opened the Public Hearing at 7:40; seeing no one she closed the Public Hearing at 7:41.

5. Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2015; July 21, 2015; September 15, 2015; October 20, 2015; October 29, 2015; December 10, 2015; December 15, 2015; January 5, 8, 13, 14, 20 and January 30, 2015

Moved by Mr. Blair, seconded by Mr. Bridle to approve the Minutes of June 15, 2015

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions (Ladd, LaBranche)

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Bridle to approve the Minutes of July 21, 2015

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions (Plouffe, O'Loughlin)

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin to approve the Minutes of September 15, 2015

Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

Moved by Mr. Bridle, seconded by Mr. Blair to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2015 as amended

Change Agenda to Minutes

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstentions (Ladd)

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Bridle to approve the Minutes of October 29, 2015 as amended

Change Agenda to Minutes, vote on adjourn 10-0-0

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstentions (Latimer, Ladd)

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Blair to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2015 as amended

Change Agenda to Minutes

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (LaBranche)

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Bridle to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2015 as amended

Change Agenda to Minutes

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions (O'Loughlin, Ladd)

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Bridle to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2016 as amended

Change Agenda to Minutes

Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Blair to approve the Minutes of January 7, 2016 as amended

Change Agenda to Minutes

Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

Moved by Mr. Bridle, seconded by Mr. Blair to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2016 as amended

Change Agenda to Minutes

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstentions (Kravitz, O'Loughlin, Wood)

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Bridle to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2016 as amended

Change Agenda to Minutes; change Articles 14, 15 and 16

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (LaBranche)

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Bridle to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2016

Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

Mr. LaBranche said thank you to Chairman Latimer for all the years and time spent on the Budget Committee.

Chairman Latimer said thank you and she appreciated that.

Mr. Pierce said he does not accept the fact that she is not running again.

Chairman Latimer wished everyone well.

Vice Chairman Lapham said to Chairman Latimer he never would have made it without her, she has been so much help over the years; whenever he called with question he received a call; you have done a lot for this town, more than you will ever know and for that we as a board thank you.

Chairman Latimer said thank you to everyone, as we had a very tough year and it proved that the Budget Committee is more than capable to developing a budget even in a void. You did a lot of good work, we do not always agree, but we are not meant to, that is why it has always been good to have a large committee the size as it is, because democracy prevails. We always seem to come out with the right choices in the end, remarkably when you do not even think you are going to get there from the beginning or in the middle. I want to thank all of you, I am not leaving town, so if you ever need my help just give me a call. Fifteen years it is time for some new blood, to mix it up, to move it on and I wish you all well.

Mr. Pierce said the official warrants for ballot were on the town website, but they have taken them down. Chairman Latimer said she would ask for it tomorrow.

Mr. Pierce said on December 22, 2015 meeting we asked for an excel spreadsheet for the end of the year balances, and we never got the final summary. Chairman Latimer said she might have gotten a copy late last week and assumed that it was sent out for everybody. Mr. Pierce said we need it in excel and need the final expenses. Mr. Bridle said December 31, 2015 financials were emailed by Kristi in the PDF form, but the excel format was voted on.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Plouffe to adjourn at 8:07PM

Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

Respectfully,

Eileen Latimer, Chair

T. Y., Secretary